STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

MERRIAM'S WILD TURKEY REGULATIONS FOR 1977

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the districts described below shall be open to the hunting of Merriam's wild turkey by special wild turkey tag holders only, from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each district except for noon opening days.

September 24 through November 27, 1977

Southeast District: Those portions of Big Horn, Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure, Wibaux, and Yellowstone counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Montana-Wyoming state line and U. S. Highway 90, then north on Highway 90 to the Bighorn River Bridge at Hardin, then north down the Bighorn River to the Yellowstone River, then west up the Yellowstone River to the Yellowstone River bridge at Custer, then north on the Custer-Melstone Road to U. S. Highway 12 at Melstone, then east on U.S. Highway 12 to the Musselshell River Bridge, then north down the Musselshell River to Fort Peck Reservoir, then down the south bank of Ft. Peck Reservoir to Big Dry Creek, then south up Big Dry Creek to Little Dry Creek, then south up Little Dry Creek to State Highway 200, then west on State Highway 200 through Jordan to the Edwards-Ingomar Road 7 miles east of Sand Springs, then south on the Edwards-Ingomar road to U.S. Highway 12 near Ingomar, then southeast on U. S. Highway 12 to the Cartersville-Sheffield Road near Forsyth, then east on the Cartersville-Sheffield Road to State Route 22 near Miles City, then southeast on State Route 22 to U. S. Interstate Highway 94, then north and east on U. S. Highway 94 through Glendive to the Montana-North Dakota state line, then south along the North Dakota-South Dakota-Montana state line to the Montana-Wyoming state line, then west on the Montana-Wyoming state line to U. S. Highway 90, the point of beginning.

October 23 through November 20, 1977

Bull Mountain District: Those portions of Musselshell, Big Horn, Yellowstone, and Golden Valley counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Billings, thence northwesterly along State Route 3 to its junction with U.S. Highway 12 north of Lavina, thence east and northeasterly along U.S. Highway 12 to Melstone, thence south and southeasterly along the Melstone-Custer Road to the Yellowstone River bridge at Custer, thence easterly down the Yellowstone River to the Bighorn River, thence southerly up the Bighorn River to Highway 87 at Hardin, thence west and northwesterly from Hardin along U.S. Highway 87 to Billings, the point of beginning.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures, including Hell Creek State Park.

License: Wild Turkey Tag - $2. Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $1 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50 Nonresident Combination License or a Class B-10 $225 Nonresident Big Game Combination License; Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. Special turkey tags may be obtained from the Helena office of the Montana Department of Fish and Game, any Department of Fish and Game regional office, or any license agent.

Limit: One wild turkey per special tag holder per fall season.

Tagging: The tag provided with the special game license must be filled out and affixed to the leg of the turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

Means of Taking: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle, or handgun.

Other Restrictions: Baiting prohibited. "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested cropland or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Robert F. Wambach

BY: ROBERT F. WAMBACH, SECRETARY
August 8, 1977

AMENDED

1977 SPRING WILD TURKEY GOBBLER SEASON

GENERAL TURKEY LICENSE SEASON

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described areas in Carter, Fergus, Garfield, Powder River, and Rosebud counties shall be open to the hunting of male merriams wild turkey by valid special wild turkey license holders, beginning at one-half (½) hour before sunrise on April 11, 1977, and from one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset each day following, through April 30, 1977.

Fergus County: Fergus County in its entirety.

Ashland Division: (Ashland-Fort Howe District): ~~Those portions of Custer, Rosebud, and Powder River counties and that~~ That portion of the Custer National Forest known as the Ashland Division within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 312 and the Miles City-Tongue River-Ashland Road, thence south up said road to the Brandenburg bridge on the Tongue River, thence south up said river to the Montana-Wyoming state line, then east along said line to the Powder River, then northeast along said river to the U.S. Highway 212 Bridge near Broadus, then west along U.S. Highway 212 through Broadus to the junction of U.S. Highway 312, then north along U.S. Highway 312 to the junction of the Miles City-Tongue River-Ashland Road, the point of beginning.

North Garfield: Hunting District 700 (North Garfield): Those portions of Garfield and McCone counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Musselshell River Bridge near Mosby on State Route 200, then north down the Musselshell River to the Missouri River, then east and north down the Missouri River to the Fort Peck Powerhouse, then south along the east shore of the Fort Peck Reservoir to Big Dry Creek, then south of Big Dry Creek to Little Dry Creek, then up Little Dry Creek to State Route 200, then west along State Route 200 to the Musselshell River Bridge, the point of beginning.

Sioux Division (Long Pines Area): That portion of Carter County and the Custer National Forest known as the Long Pines Area within the following described boundary: Beginning at Sykes Bridge and Box Elder Creek, then north down Box Elder Creek to the bridge on the Mill Iron-Camp Crook Road, then southeast along said road to the South Dakota state line, then south along said line to the Tie Creek Road, then west and north along said road to Sykes Bridge, the point of beginning.

The following regulations apply to all areas:

Limit: One male wild turkey per permit and special tag holder per special season.

Tagging: The special wild turkey tag and permit provided must have the day and month of kill cut out and affixed to the leg of the male turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

Means of Taking: Male wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle, or handgun.

Other Restrictions: Baiting prohibited. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested croplands or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting. Use of electronic calling devices is prohibited.

License: Special Wild Turkey License $2.00: Applicants for wild turkey licenses in addition to possessing a Wildlife Conservation License, must possess a resident bird hunting license stamp, or a nonresident bird hunting stamp or a nonresident $225 Wildlife Conservation and Big Game license, or a Montana Resident Sportsman's license. Special turkey licenses may be obtained from the offices and license dealers. Persons exempt from purchasing Class A-1 resident game bird licenses must purchase the special turkey license to legally hunt turkeys.

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